#### NOMINATION FOR AWARD AWARD PERIOD CATEGORY (If Applicable) AWARD The General Thomas D. White Pollution Prevention Award Non-Industrial 1 Oct 00 - 30 Sept 02 SSN (Enter Last 4 Only) MAJCOM, FOA, OR DRU RANK/NAME OF NOMINEE (First, Middle Initial, Last) DAFSC/DUTY TITLE NOMINEE'S TELEPHONE (DSN & Commercial) UNIT/OFFICE SYMBOL/STREET ADDRESS/BASE/STATE/ZIP CODE AAC/EM, 501 DeLeon Street, Suite 101, Eglin AFB FL 32542-5133 RANK/NAME OF UNIT COMMANDER (First, Middle Initial, Last)/COMMANDER'S TELEPHONE (DSN & Commercial) Col Michael R. Newberry, DSN872-4437, Com (850) 882-3617 SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Use single-spaced, bullet format) BASELINING WASTE STREAM AND TAKING ACTIONS TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE IT: Developed innovative, base specific compliant sites inventory (CSI) ranking system encompassing

- hazardous materials, hazardous wastes, air and water pollutants, safety and health, mission impact, and any past Environmental Compliance Assessment Management Program (ECAMP) audit findings
- Real time, expansive links to existing compliance databases-instantly updates compliance risk Compliance sites prioritized by a number of factors such as cost, risk, and mission impact
- -- Ranking system prompts Process Specific Opportunity Assessments (PSOA) to reduce and reuse

Developed web based interface for ease of access and data entry for base personnel

- Streamlining/combining for efficiency--integrated CSI and ECAMP Finding Databases with PSOA Tracking Database, thereby reducing data input hours and demand for resource use by 90%
- Eliminated Eglin's largest hazardous waste stream! PSOA led to recycling 20,000 lbs/year garnet and plastic blast media, deleting six high risk compliance sites and their inspections and record keeping
- Established shop rag cleaning for reuse with base laundry, cutting new towel demand and costs 92% Garnered presidential recognition; claimed "White House Closing the Circle Award" in 2001 for environmental excellence in pollution prevention, recycling and affirmative procurement!

### POLLUTION PREVENTION THROUGHOUT BASE OPERATIONS, FROM FLIGHTLINE MAINTENANCE TO THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL IN FAMILY HOUSING:

- Consistently surpasses DoD "Measure of Merit" diverting 50% of non-hazardous solid waste stream
- State partnering to discontinue POL contaminated soil receiver site permit requirement saving \$15K
- Strong P2 presence in reviewing every ECAMP audit finding for opportunities to reduce or reuse
- Teamed with State in relocating and enhancing beach vegetation for community shoreline restorations -- Most successful in NW Florida--soil stabilization, water nutrition and clarity, filtration, habitat
- Qualified Recycling Program deemed a benchmark for the Air Force as being most innovative and efficient following a locally requested AFCEE staff assistance visit
- -- Commended for document control--bid solicitations, weight tickets, invoices, shipment receipts
- -- Prompt payment surveillance resulted in no monetary losses for the past nine years
- Further lauded for timed multiple vendor biddings to achieve highest prices for commodities available for direct sales--outstanding business practice for best market prices
- Recycling at Eglin saved the government \$2,756,670 in cost avoidance over a two-year period REDUCING USE OF ODS AND OTHER HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES:
- Successfully converted all non-emergency, non-tactical Eglin diesel-fueled vehicles to biodiesel
- Constructed compressed natural gas station to serve 60 base vehicles—up to 87% cleaner combustion
- Eglin also possesses 14 rechargeable electric vehicles--totally nonpolluting, zero emissions
- Cut Top 10 chemical use nearly 40% and inventory 58% through substitutions and process changes
- All static displays including Armament Museum aircraft are painted with water based paints only ENHANCING POLLUTION PREVENTION AWARENESS:
- Organized and hosted Northwest Florida Community Earth Day, America's largest Earth Day event!
- Three-day event attracted over 11,500 visitors--8,000 were school classes from three-county region
- -- 200 interactive displays spanning waste reduction, water quality and conservation, spill containment, alternative fuels, native/invasive plants, endangered species, erosion control, environmental careers, historical preservation-Getting the Air Force message out to our youth
- -- Impressively recruited local community support--medical, security, utilities, publicity
- Eglin's ingenious approach to Environmental Management System (EMS) implementation, conceived and developed well before federal mandates, has paved the way for other Air Force installations
- -- Air Force is using Eglin's program in the formation of its EMS procedural guidance
- EMS has become integral feature throughout all internal ECAMP inspections and findings
- Briefed EMS to Multi State Group, P2/HazWaste Conference, AF Dep. Assistant Secretary, ESOH

SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Use single-spaced, bullet format) (Continued)

- Showcased local Compliance Through P2 success stories at the 2002 Joint Services P2 conference
- Unit Environmental Coordinator (UEC) interactive website furnishing P2 information on recycling, compliance site assessments, source reduction and new technologies to help enhance unit programs
- Extensive UEC information web-page provides automated environmental impact analysis review, compliant sites listings, on-line library, events calendar, PSOAs and training requirements
- Unique Document Control System providing base up-to-date environmental laws, guidance documents and base policies ensuring proper control of Eglin's environmental impacts and commitments
- Developed EMS training awareness video for 13,000 employees concerning environmental duties

IMPLEMENTING CLOSED-LOOP RECYCLING PROJECTS:

- Introduced installation use of re-refined lubricating oil--reuses 2500 gal/yr, saves \$3K year
- High customer acceptance-just in time delivery, no individual containers, minimal spill potential
- Closed-loop re-refined oil initiative earned positive finding during most recent external ECAMP
- Championed new, state of the art vehicle refrigerant recovery, reclamation and reuse system eliminating the need for three units to accomplish the same tasks--Result: savings of \$3K

### DEVELOPING METHODS TO RECYCLE HAZMAT USED IN INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES:

- Over 50,000 mercury bulbs/year diverted from waste for recycling per EPA 'Green Light Program'
- Devised batch processing of used automotive coolant saving the 96th Transportation Squadron \$3K/yr
  Recycling over 500 gallons of antifreeze per year, modified equipment for greater efficiency
- Introduced parts and paint gun cleaners base wide--reclaims used solvent, reduces new hazmat buys
- Hazmat electronic bulletin board re-issues 1000 lbs hazmat/year for reuse--HazWaste avoidance!
- Multi-dimensional P2 techniques have reduced Eglin's hazardous waste disposal 72% since 1992

## PROMOTING/IMPROVING PARTICIPATION IN OFFICE/WORK RECYCLE PROGRAMS:

- 347 buildings serviced daily to collect recyclable material from over 15,000 employees

- 30% increase in recycling within two years through development of an interactive website, customer surveys, public outreach, and regular dumpster inspections with written results to facility managers
  - Eglin's Official Bulletin, newspaper, and electronic marquees have elicited recycling involvement with average amounts of 2500 tons cardboard, 600 tons office paper, 1000 tons scrap metal per year

# Personal interaction with facility managers and occupants, plus user-friendly collection containers PROMOTING/IMPROVING PARTICIPATION: CURBSIDE RECYCLING, BASE HOUSING:

- Implemented convenient source segregation program providing multiple collection containers in base housing saving significant cost at the recycling center and avoiding state solid waste regulatory burden
  - Monthly audits of contract solid waste hauler assures proper segregation and delivery of recyclable material thus safeguarding 4,000 tons per year of landfill avoidance and reducing base output
- Increased recycling containers from 18 to 32 gallons further increasing recycling participation
- Similar messages as with the office areas stimulated housing recycling; 350 tons newspaper, 20 tons aluminum cans, 45 tons plastic, 100 tons glass--Eglin AFB is winning the war on waste!

# PURCHASING RECYCLED CONTENT GOODS AND MATERIALS IMPROVING THE BASE COMPOSTING PROGRAM:

- Partnering with the local community to mulch and reuse 2,000 tons wood/year saves \$60K annually
- Purchased 4,000 sq ft deck, 100 tables/benches, plus playground enclosures made of plastic lumber
  Trained 1200 Government Credit Card holders on affirmative procurement (AP) opportunities
- Affirmative Procurement is integral to dozens of recycling briefings, recycling center tours annually
- Organized cross-functional council for major organizations, established written Center Policy on AP
- Over 1000 Requests for Environmental Analysis (AF Form 813)/year reviewed for AP and recycling ENHANCING AWARENESS OF RECYCLING PROGRAMS:
- Favorable response to aggressive awareness training and advertisements throughout Eglin community
- -- Provided military family housing residents larger, more attractive recycling containers
- -- Resulted in a 37% increase of recycled products from 6,956 tons in FY00 to 9,542 tons in FY01
- Recycling and affirmative procurement programs are continually promoted and enhanced
- Informational letters to over 100 UECs, and internal contractor bulletin to over 1500 employees
  Participation in environmental fairs/open houses, quarterly articles in the Eglin Eagle newspaper
- Eglin P2 ensures public awareness of consistent diversion of 50% or more from waste stream and that funds from recycling are used for quality of life projects that are of benefit to the community
  - Jogging paths and biking trails through scenic woodland areas that otherwise might not be available without income created by effective recycling programs